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**Subject:** RE: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

Gabe -- This should answer your questions:

We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment. (Data is only posted for 59 homes because there are two homes where we were not able to contact residents and provide them with data.)

To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action. EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities.

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

I saw that this now totals 59 out of 61 wells that you tested, because you couldn't reach the last 2 households. That right?

Also, is it fair to say this is the "fourth and final batch" of Dimock tests that you plan to release? I guess there could be a few more results, but no more large releases like the ones you've had the last few months?

Gabe

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Gabe -- Sorry for not getting this to you sooner.

EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the fourth set of sampling for 12 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that

would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found an elevated level of methane and informed the resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout EPA's work in Dimock, the Agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

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Roy,

EPA has released its fourth set of water sample results from drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. Is there an announcement on this that I can receive? And a URL to the posted test results? I believe that EPA has again found that the water meets federal standards, right? That is what Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. is saying, anyway. The company says these results were released today.

I also left you a voicemail message to ask about this. I hope you can help. I need to meet a deadline later this afternoon.

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